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SUBJ: BELGIAN OFFICIALS VISIT KINSHASA TO DISCUSS

NATIONALIZED ASSETS

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1. ON JAN 9 BELGIAN CHARGE AND VISITING BELGIAN OFFICIALS
CONFIRMED TO AMBASSADOR INFO CONTAINED REFTEL.

2. FOLLOWING VISIT BELGIAN ECONOMIC COUNSELOR TOLD US
THAT TALKS BETWEEN PRESIDENCY ADVISOR BISENGIMANA AND
BELGIAN OFFICIALS HAD GONE WELL, IN THAT CONSIDERABLE
PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE TOWARD REACHING AGREEMENT ON GENERAL
PRINCIPLES CONCERNING COMPENSATION. HOWEVER, FINAL
OUTLINES OF AGREEMENT WOULD NOT BECOME CLEAR UNTIL TWO
GOVERNMENTS HAD WORKED OUT PRECISE COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENTS
FOR NUMBER (10-12) OF MOST IMPORTANT BELGIAN COMPANIES
IN ZAIRE. FOLLOW-UP TALKS ON THESE ARRANGEMENTS HAD
ALREADY STARTED, WITH PETROFINA FIRST TO BE CONSIDERED.
ALTHOUGH THESE TALKS HAD RUN INTO SNAG BECAUSE OF
REFUSAL OF LOWER-LEVEL GOZ OFFICIALS TO IMPLEMENT
PRINCIPLES WHICH HAD BEEN ACCEPTED BY BISENGIMANA,
BELGIAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE PROGRESS
WOULD CONTINUE. THEIR HOPE IS TO ACHIEVE SUFFICIENT
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AGREEMENT ON BOTH PRINCIPLES AND MODALITIES OF

COMPENSATION TO PERMIT FOREIGN MINISTER VAN ELIZANDE
TO SIGN FIRM AGREEMENT DURING FORTHCOMING VISIT KINSHASA.
THEY NOW
EXPECT THIS TO TAKE PLACE ABOUT FEBRUARY 15.
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